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BEIRUT, ~~LEBANON~~ (AP) - KING FAISAL OF SAUDI ARABIA HAS SENT AN URGENT PRIVATE MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT NIXON, THE BEIRUT NEWSPAPER AN NAHAR REPORTED TODAY.

IN A DISPATCH FROM ITS CORRESPONDENT IN NEW YORK, AN NAHAR SAID THE SAUDI STATE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, OMAR SAQQAF, WHO HAS BEEN ATTENDING THE U.N. GENERAL ASSEMBLY, WENT TO WASHINGTON ON THURSDAY TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE AND MEET WITH SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER.

THERE WAS NO WORD ON THE CONTENTS OF THE MESSAGE. BUT THE PAPER IMPLIED IT WAS AN EFFORT BY FAISAL TO PERSUADE NIXON TO REFRAIN FROM ANY FRESH ARMS SUPPLIES TO ISRAEL FOR THE MIDDLE EAST WAR.

THE MOVE CAME AT A TIME WHEN ARAB PRESSURE WAS MOUNTING ON FAISAL, WHO CONTROLS THE WORLD'S LARGEST KNOWN OIL RESERVES, TO THROW THE SO-CALLED ARAB OIL WEAPON INTO THE BATTLE AGAINST ISRAEL.

THIS PRESUMABLY WOULD MEAN CUTTING OFF OR REDUCING OIL SUPPLIES TO THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER COUNTRIES SUPPORTING ISRAEL.

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